

Numbers increasing dramatically this week with 1,667 butterflies recorded at a density of 15.5 butterflies/km, once again mainly due to the presence of Silver-studded Blue. This is by far the highest density recorded in our New Forest Group for Week 11 (the previous best was 11.42 in 2018). Meadow Brown is now the most widespread species seen on 38 of the 45 recorded transects. They will very shortly be challenged by Gatekeeper numbers.



Results Week 11 (Preliminary counts subject to final verification)

Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species	Count	No of Species
Acres Down55	3	Fields Heath44	5	Normandy Marsh27	4
Badminton.....25	5	Frohawk.....14	5	Perrywood Ivy9	1
Ballard0	0	Furzey Gardens.....	l/d	Pignal6	3
Barton Common10	4	Godshill8	2	Pimlico Fields.....38	3
Beaulieu Heath72	6	Great Linford8	3	Pondhead.....2	1
Black Down.....38	2	Hasley105	6	Pondhead Wood14	4
Blackwater5	2	Hawkhill60	7	Rockford.....123	3
Blashford North.....18	4	Hightown Common.....0	0	Roe North.....9	4
Blashford South14	4	Holmsley.....12	5	Roe South8	3
Breamore112	11	Ibsley20	3	Roydon The Commons.....	l/d
Broadleya/r		Janesmoor.....5	3	Southern Fields.....	l/d
Brockishill32	5	Janesmoor Plain.....1	1	Standing Hat23	5
Broomy Plain66	3	Keeping Marsh13	4	Studland Common57	3
Claypits Bottom49	3	Kings Copse.....41	6	Vales Moor13	1
Cloven Hill8	4	Lepe102	5	Warren Farm.....21	5
Dibden Bottom.....256	1	Little Linford.....9	2	Wilverley Plain26	2
Dur Hill*	*	Mockbeggar.....89	5		

*'Single species' transects due to start in Week 14. l/d - still subject to lockdown. a/r - awaiting results

Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes	Species	Count	No of Routes
Silver-studded Blue	773	18	Brimstone	11	5	Common Blue	2	2
Meadow Brown	554	38	Silver-washed Fritillary	7	5	Peacock	2	1
Small Heath.....	70	13	Ringlet.....	6	1	Gatekeeper	2	1
Large Skipper.....	68	16	White Admiral.....	5	4	Small Skipper.....	1	1
Marbled White.....	60	8	Small Tortoiseshell.....	5	4	Green Hairstreak	1	1
Speckled Wood.....	43	14	Green-veined White	3	2	Small Copper.....	1	1
Red Admiral.....	18	12	Dark Green Fritillary	3	3	Holly Blue.....	1	1
Small/Essex Skipper	14	3	Large White.....	2	2	Comma	1	1
Small White.....	14	4						

The first Ringlets of the year were seen at Breamore this week. We expect Large Skipper numbers to increase in the forest inclosures next week and hope that White Admiral will be seen on a good number of routes. Routes which include a meadow habitat should support high numbers of Small/Essex Skipper as well as Marbled White. Our final target species for the year is Grayling which should make an appearance in a couple of weeks' time. Please look out for the migrant Clouded Yellow (especially on coastal routes) and the Valezina female form of Silver-washed Fritillary in the inclosures.

Moth Report: Thank you for your continued observation and recording of day flying moths. The common species seen over the last few weeks - in particular Common Heath, Brown Silver-line, Cinnabar, Mother Shipton and Clouded Buff are still being seen and may continue to be around for a few weeks yet. As we move into late June, please keep an eye out for Burnet moths. Those with five spots - most likely to be Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet are likely to be seen earliest, with the Six-spot Burnet usually appearing in early July. Please remember to submit records of any moths encountered on your walks on the separate Moth Recording Sheet rather than in the Notes at the bottom of the Butterfly Form.

